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Decongestion of Trunk Routes
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the trunk/busy rail routes across the country;

(b) whether the Railways have any proposal to decongest the existing trunk/busy routes across the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof including heavy traffic of steel, coal and cement; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be decongested?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): There are 7 identified trunk routes across the country, which are also termed as High Density Network routes viz., (1) Delhi - Howrah, (2) Howrah - Mumbai, (3) Mumbai − Delhi, (4) Delhi − Guwahati, (5) Delhi - Chennai, (6) Chennai - Howrah and (7) Chennai - Mumbai.
(b) to (d): Railways have a large number of sanctioned projects under the Plan Heads of Doubling, New Line, Gauge Conversion and Traffic facility works to decongest routes. These include 155 New Line works, 42 Gauge Conversion works, 235 Double Line works, 554 Traffic Facility works and 60 Electrification works.
Capacity augmentation and bottleneck removal are a continuous effort keeping in view the traffic growth.

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